



MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2017

The Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) held its meeting in Baltimore on September 15, 2017. Chair Shelley Morhaim called the meeting to order.

Present: Carole Alexander, Lily Bengfort, Barbara Bershon, Aileen Carlucci, Anthony Cornwell, Zoe Charlton, Joan Lyon, Shelley Morhaim, Jack Rasmussen, Robinson Rowe, Anne West, MSAC staff

Absent: Senator Richard Madaleno, Doug Mann, Gary Vikan, Delegate Alonzo Washington

Guests: Kibibi Ajanku, Director of Equity and Inclusion, Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance, Urban Arts Leadership Program, Nicholas Cohen, Executive Director, Maryland Citizens for the Arts

Approval of Consent Agenda

All consent agenda items were approved as presented.

Chair's Report

Shelley Morhaim reported the following:

- ✚ Shelley welcomed everyone to the meeting, then proceeded with roundtable introductions of Council and Staff
- ✚ Welcome to our new Councilors: Lily Bengfort and Zoe Charlton
- ✚ It was a busy summer for the Maryland State Arts Council
 - The IAA awards were held in June
 - Special thanks to the staff for making the event a great success
 - We held New Councilor Orientation in August
 - Special thanks to Barbara, Julie, Jack and Joan for their participation
- ✚ The 50th Anniversary celebration is September 28th, in Annapolis
 - Thanks to the planning committee member for all of their hard work
 - We are honored to have Yumi Hogan and Jane Chu as speakers for the evening
 - We hope to see you there
- ✚ The 2017 NASAA leadership conference will be October 11th, in Portland, Oregon
 - There will be an announcement regarding the 2018 full conference, being held in Baltimore
 - NASAA serves as a great opportunity to connect with other state arts agencies throughout the country
 - We encourage Councilors to try to attend at least one conference during their term
- ✚ As Councilors we have two roles:
 - We have a policy role and a role as Ambassadors
 - Shelley encouraged the Council to take on an active role as Ambassadors
 - We have a responsibility to let the community know who we are, and that we are here
- ✚ "Council Kisses" were given to Councilors for their outreach activities
- ✚ Thanks to everyone for your continued participation

MD Traditions Heritage Awards Update

Chad Buterbaugh reported the following:

- ✚ We are gearing up for the Annual MD Heritage Awards
 - The winners in each category will be:
 - Person Joan M.E. Gaither, Documentary Story Quilter
 - Place Baltimore American Indian Center
 - Tradition Skipjack Races & Festival, Deale Island
- ✚ The event will be held on December 2
 - UMBC will serve as our host
 - We hope to see you there

Executive Director's Report

Julie Madden reported the following:

- ✚ Thanks to Liz Fitzsimmons for her continued support throughout the transitions
- ✚ We are happy to announce that Ken Skrzysz from MSDE has been named the new Executive Director of MSAC
 - Ken will start in late October, and is excited about coming to MSAC
 - Julie thanked everyone for all of their work and support over the past few months
- ✚ The Communications Manager position remains vacant, but we would like to have someone on board by the new year
- ✚ We have a busy year coming up
- ✚ MSAC is still exploring ways to bring the NEA's Creative Forces Program to MD veterans
- ✚ Congratulations to Chad for another successful MD Traditions Festival
- ✚ Thanks to all for attending the IAA ceremony in June
- ✚ We are looking forward to our 50th Anniversary celebration in Annapolis
- ✚ Julie presented a \$2500 request from MCA for ArtsLab sponsorship
 - The Council approved the request as presented

Public Art Update

Liesel Fenner reported the following:

- ✚ The Maryland Public Art Initiative had its first project at UMBC in 2014
- ✚ We are underway for another project at University of Maryland Baltimore
- ✚ We also have a new project with the National Guard in Easton
- ✚ There is also another call planned for the UMBC campus

Panel Selection Committee Report

The recommendations for GFO panelists were approved as presented.

A&E Technical Assistance Grants

The Technical Assistance grants were approved as presented.

Arts in Education Budget Report

Jen Menkhaus reported the following:

- ✚ Visiting Performers Program
 - FY 2017 AiE Co-Funded Performances
 - Total cost \$210,970
 - AiE funds \$ 98,136
 - School funds \$ 102,572
 - Other sources \$10,262
 - FY 2018 funds budgeted \$100,900

- ✚ Artists in Residence Program
 - **FY 2017...**
 - 194 Residency Applications Submitted
 - 192 Residency Applications Funded
 - **FY 2018**
 - 220 Residency Applications Submitted
 - 211 Residency Applications Funded
 - In FY 2017 the AiE Program provided support for a total of 4,485 performances and workshop sessions for an audience of over 120,902 students in 559 Maryland schools.
- FY17 Artist-in-Residence grants will reach 20/24 counties (including Baltimore City)

Maryland Citizens for the Arts

Nicholas Cohen reported the following:

- ✚ Welcome to the new Council members
- ✚ We look forward to working w/MSAC in the upcoming year
- ✚ ArtsLab will be held on October 12
- ✚ We encourage all to attend this event
- ✚ We are looking forward to MD Arts Day in February
- ✚ We will keep you posted with progress and changes as they come
- ✚ Please make sure you are signed up to receive E-news

New Business

- ✚ Next Council Meeting is November 17, 2017 in Sandy Spring, MD

Business Adjourned

Attachments:

- ✓ MCA Sponsorship Request
- ✓ A&E Technical Assistance Grants
- ✓ Panel Selection Recommendations
- ✓ AiE Budget Report